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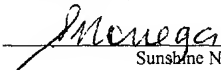
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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

All pending claims have been reproduced below in an appendix A for the convenience of the Examiner. The claims in the appendix are "clean," having no underlining or brackets.

Please cancel claims 26-38.


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REMARKS

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below. Applicant(s) believes that no (additional) fees are due in connection with the filing of this response. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account 50-0388 (Order No. IGT1P032D1).

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Appendix A: Pending Claims

1. A hand-held device for providing a game service in a game playing area comprising:

a wire-less communication interface;

a display screen;

a microprocessor;

wherein the microprocessor receives game service transaction information from an input mechanism and sends game service transaction information to an output mechanism using the wire-less communication interface and generates one or more game service interfaces on the display screen for providing a game service transaction that enables the game service.

2. The hand-held device of claim 1, further comprising:

a memory storing the game service transaction information from one or more game service transactions.
3. The hand-held device of claim 2, wherein the memory is removable from the hand-held device.
4. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the display screen is a touch screen.
5. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the wire-less communication interface is a spread spectrum or an infra-red communication interface.
6. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the input mechanism is a card reader, a bar-code reader, a gaming machine, a transaction server, a storage device, a key board, a touch screen, a microphone or a personal digital assistant.

7. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the output mechanism is a card reader, a printer, a transaction server, a gaming machine, a personal digital assistant or a storage device.
8. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the game service is a ticket validation, a prize service, a food service, an accommodation service, or a gaming operations service.
9. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the game service is EZ pay ticket validation.
10. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the game service interface is a registration interface, a transaction reconciliation interface, a prize validation interface, a ticket validation interface, a food service interface, an accommodation service interface, a gaming operation interface, a login interface, voice interface, or an input/output interface.
11. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the game service interface is an EZ pay ticket validation interface.
12. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the game service transaction is a ticket validation request, a ticket validation reply, operator information, a prize validation request, a prize validation reply, a food service request, a food service reply, an accommodation request, an accommodation reply, a maintenance request, a maintenance reply, a print request, a print reply, or a transaction confirmation.
13. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the game service transaction is an EZ pay ticket validation request or an EZ pay ticket validation reply.

14. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the game service transaction information is player tracking information, a bar code for an award, a bar code for a prize, a bar code for a food service, and a bar code for a accommodation service or a EZ pay ticket bar code.

15. The hand-held device of claim 1, wherein the game playing area is a casino, a restaurant, a hotel, a bar, or a store.

16. A method for providing a game service in a game playing area using a hand-held device, the method comprising:

contacting a game player in the game playing area;

selecting a game service interface on the hand-held device;

inputting game service transaction information;

validating the game service transaction information; and

providing a game service wherein the game service is comprised of one or more game service transactions.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

prior to contacting the game player,

assigning a hand-held device to a game service representative.

18. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

generating a receipt for the game service transaction.

19. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

unassigning the hand-held device to a game service representative.

20. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

reconciling a transaction history stored on a memory on the hand-held device.

21. The method of claim 16, wherein the game service interface is a registration interface, a transaction reconciliation interface, a prize validation interface, a ticket validation interface, a food service interface, an accommodation service interface, a gaming operation interface, a login interface, voice interface, or an input/output interface.

22. The method of claim 16, wherein the game service transaction is a ticket validation request, a ticket validation reply, player tracking information, operator information, a prize validation request, a prize validation reply, a food service request, a food service reply, an accommodation request, an accommodation reply, a maintenance request, a maintenance reply, a print request, a print reply, or a transaction confirmation.

23. The method of claim 16, wherein the game service transaction information is player tracking information, a bar code for an award, a bar code for a prize, a bar code for a food service, a bar code for an EZ pay ticket and a bar code for a accommodation service.

24. The method of claim 16, wherein game service transaction information is input from a card reader, a bar-code reader, a gaming machine, a transaction server, a storage device, a key board, a touch screen, a microphone or a personal digital assistant.

25. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

outputting the game service transaction information to an output mechanism including a printer, a personal digital assistant, a smart card, a transaction server, a gaming machine, or a storage device.

26. Canceled.

FOOTNOTES

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